

# Health News Release

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#### State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a health care provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Clark County**

In October 2018 the Certified Behavior Technician Program charged certified behavior technician **Sean Tomokichi Saito** (CB60777201) with unprofessional conduct. In 2018 Saito was convicted of three counts of first-degree possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

## **King County**

In October 2018 the Chiropractic Commission filed an amended statement of charges against chiropractor **Christopher Clark Wolff** (CH00003562) to allege that the chiropractor admitted paying an information technology provider to destroy patient records the Department of Health had asked to see as part of an investigation into a complaint of unprofessional conduct.

In October 2018 the secretary of health ended conditions on the certified nursing assistant credential of **Sarah Angelic Singleton** (NC60833247).

In October 2018 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Michael Jonathan Larson** (RN60845949) and ordered him to undergo evaluation for a

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substance abuse monitoring program. In 2010 Larson was convicted of physical control of a vehicle under the influence. In 2016 he received deferred prosecution on a driving under the influence charge.

## **Pierce County**

In October 2018 the Nursing Commission ended probation for licensed practical nurse **Jennifer Kay Schliesman** (LP60286995).

In October 2018 the Nursing Commission ended probation for licensed practical nurse **Regina Winston** (LP60230105).

## **Snohomish County**

In October 2018 the secretary of health withdrew a statement of charges against mental health counselor associate and mental health counselor **Samantha Rose Olson (Goodman)** (MC60526077, LH60627153).

In October 2018 the secretary of health lifted the suspension on the health care assistant credential of **Emily S. Deatherage** (HC00131642). Deatherage's license was suspended in 2003 in connection with violating a requirement to abstain from alcohol and other drugs.

In October 2018 the secretary of health ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Lamin Sonko** (NC10045877).

#### **Spokane County**

In October 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential to **Shawna M. Fromang** (NA60871573). In 2017 Fromang was convicted in Colorado of unlawful possession of a controlled substance – schedule 1 or 2. She must abide by conditions imposed in connection with that conviction.

In October 2018 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Robin Marie Pena** (RN60219122) with unprofessional conduct. Pena allegedly tested positive for alcohol three times after signing substance abuse monitoring contracts that required her to abstain from alcohol.

### **Thurston County**

In October 2018 the Nursing Commission ended probation for licensed practical nurse **Kelly Lynn Krocker** (LP00044713).

#### **Out of State**

**California:** In October 2018 the Veterinary Board entered an agreement with veterinarian **Sonia E. Amador** (VT60078637) that fines her \$5,000, reprimands her, and requires her to

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free herself of all interests in any business in which unlicensed people perform animal dental work. Amador must pass a jurisprudence exam, refund \$210 to a client, cooperate with investigations, and agree to additional terms and conditions if she returns to Washington to practice. Amador allowed unlicensed staff members to perform veterinary dental care. She falsely stated that she hires only licensed veterinary technicians, and that her staff members work under a veterinarian's supervision at all times.

**Oregon:** In October 2018 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Derrick J. Hau** (CH00034415) with unprofessional conduct. Hau allegedly didn't comply with a 2017 stipulation requiring him to complete continuing education in ethics and boundaries, as well as in documentation, and to reimburse the commission for \$1,000 in costs. He allegedly didn't allow a Department of Health investigator to perform a required unannounced audit at his place of employment.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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